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DATE: January 3, 2020

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2020

Reinstatement of Retroactive Coverage for Children at Application

Upon review and approval of the state's request to extend the Iowa Wellness Plan waiver demonstration, the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated the waiver of retroactive coverage to exempt children under 19 years of age.

A 3-month retroactive Medicaid coverage period will be available to children under age 19 at the time of application and who are otherwise Medicaid eligible. The earliest that a retroactive eligibility can begin is January 1, 2020, for applications filed on or after January 1, 2020.

A 3-month retroactive Medicaid coverage period will continue for pregnant women (and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy), infants under one year of age and applicants who are residents of a nursing facility at the time of application.

The effective date of coverage for Medicaid remains unchanged and begins on the first of the month in which the application is received.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, Monday – Friday, from 7: 30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.